

29 March 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Information Review Officer, DDS&T

FROM:

Chief, Classification Review Division, OIS

SUBJECT:

Request for Coordination on
Declassification Review

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1. Attached are two groups of TOP SECRET material -- three documents in Group I and seven "notes" in Group II -- which the Department of Defense has asked us to review for declassification. We reviewed both groups of this DOD material and give our decisions below. Since this material is of interest to the DDS&T, we are coordinating our actions with you. We have included a List of Attachments enumerating this material, and the discussion of our actions uses the numbers on that list.

2. In Group I our decisions are:

Document No. 1, dated 21 June 1954, is a DOD document to whose declassification we have no objection.

Documents Nos. 2 and 3, dated 12 August 1954, are DOD documents containing information of interest to CIA that must remain classified but may be downgraded to SECRET. Continued classification is required under Section 1.3 (a)(4) of Executive Order 12356 to protect intelligence sources and methods.

3. Group II consists of seven pages of handwritten "notes" taken from DOD documents made during research for the memoirs of former Deputy Secretary and Secretary of Defense Thomas S. Gates. One of the notes contains information of 21 December 1959, and the other six are from the first half of 1960. DOD wants to know whether these notes may be used in preparation of the Gates book which is to be published in unclassified form.

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Our decision is that we have no objection to the release of these notes for use in the Gates book with the understanding that we shall be permitted to conduct a final security review of Mr. Gates' manuscript prior to publication. We might add for the record that the Gates book may never be published since, according to the obituary page in the Washington Post of 26 March 1983, Mr. Gates died last week.

Because of the sensitive nature of the subject matter of these notes, we especially wish coordination of this action by your office. If your judgement is that the notes cannot be released in their entirety, DOD would like an indication of those portions which need to be excised in order to make the notes releasable.




Chief, ~~Classification~~ Review Division
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Attachments:

1. List of Attachments
2. Ten documents on the List

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